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What a Deaf Man May Do

That a man, although deaf, may accomplish much is shown by the life of P. C. Coann, who died at Albion, N. Y., last month.

Mr. Coann lost his hearing when a youth, at 11 years of age, we believe. He never attended deaf schools, but secured a high education largely through his own efforts.

He studied law and was admitted to the bar. Although he could not conduct a case in court, he did much of office work and proved himself skillful in arguments and clinching facts.

Having a love for literary work, he bought out the Weekly News, a country paper. The first year he doubled the circulation. He later disposed of this and started a smaller paper, known as the Albion Free Lance, and it proved a free lance. Many an evil-doer or grafter had cause to hate that Lance.

Mr. Coann has crossed the Atlantic over 25 times. About eight years ago while in Scotland with his wife, he was impressed with the high price at which American fruit sold there. Knowing something about the cost of shipping he saw there was a chance to make money. Acting on this idea he sent home for a carload of choice apples. These he sold readily at a handsome profit. Before the season closed he had cleared about \$3,000. On his return home he organized the Albion & Glasgow Fruit Company, of which he became president. It proved a profitable venture. Some time ago while in Virginia buying apples for the firm he contracted blood poison, pneumonia followed, which resulted in his death. He was 55 years old.

Although never attending deaf school and being unacquainted with signs Mr. Coann used the manual alphabet freely. He could, of course, articulate, but was not much at lip reading. He married a hearing lady, who still resides in Albion.

Some years ago Mr. Coann realizing that it's hard for a deaf man to get the benefit of a lecture or sermon, made arrangements for both himself and wife to take a course in shorthand. This they did. Subsequently they could attend a lecture. She took it down on paper, while he could read it all sitting by her side.

Albion has a free library, books furnished by an annual appropriation by the town. It was largely through

Mr. Coann's efforts that this was brought about, as he made a house to house canvass in the interest of the matter.

Mr. Coann also assisted Miss Annetta Noble in several of her standard literary works.

He was a pleasant gentleman to meet, although unfortunately he never saw fit to associate with the deaf.

LET'S SAVE WHAT CHEESE WE HAVE

The little bickerings now going on in the ranks of the N. A. D., remind us very much of a story we read in our boyhood days, when the hair on top of our head was not so thin as it is now. The story is probably familiar to many. Once upon a time there were two cats, which we shall call Majority and Minority, and each was given a generous portion of cheese to eat, but immediately fell to quarreling because one thought the other was not entitled to a larger share. At last, to decide the matter, they repaired to the judge, his monkeyship, for legal adjustment. With all the wisdom of Solomon, the monkey proceeded to put the offending cheese of contention on the legal scales.

"Now, gentlemen," announced his monkeyship, "I'll fix matters by taking a swipe out of the heavy piece," and and the process was repeated from piece to piece until nothing was left and two very crest-fallen cats slunk away to meditate upon the ways of justice, and the monkey proceeded to sleep off his hearty repast.

Perhaps the moral is not exactly applicable in this case, but it seems to us if the majority and minority continue to quarrel, some day they will awake to find nothing left of the cheese of contention except a very disrupted organization and there are some in the N. A. D. and outside who would welcome such a state of affairs.

A threat has been made that if the the next convention city named does not suit the minority they will proceed to bolt the N. A. D. and establish a new organization. This is not playing fair, gentlemen, and fair play is one thing that the minority has been howling for.

It is true some of the executive committee have been anxious to rush the naming of the next convention city through and secure the plum for Atlanta, and the committee would be entirely within its rights if it took such a course, as the matter was left to its

discretion by the convention. But there are others, including Mr. Hanson himself, who believe in giving plenty of time to the consideration of the matter, and letting the majority decide. Now, if this isn't the fairest of fair play, we will be led to believe the minority does not know what it wants.

We caught a greased wireless message from California the other day, which we strongly suspect had wandered from its course on its way to Sherlock Holmes in New York. The threat was made that if matters were not adjusted to suit, the Independence League would be obliged to join forces with the newly proposed American Federation of the Deaf. There are several members of the league residing in Seattle who would tremble to think they were to be used unwittingly for the undoing of their friend, Olof, if they did not know that this so-called Independence league is the biggest guffaw of a joke that was ever trotted down the N. A. D. speedway to serve the purpose of a scarecrow. The tale of the Independence league at Colorado Springs by a fake Sherlock Holmes is on a par with the fictitious detective stories, and is either very interesting reading or very rotten, according to the whim of the reader.

But let's have a little discussion as to the next convention city. The claims of Atlanta is that the South is entitled to it; those of Omaha is that it's in the center of the minority. The claim of Atlanta is not well based, as the South has already had two N. A. D. conventions—at Norfolk and St. Louis, and the very fact that the recent convention was held at Colorado Springs, practically next door to Omaha, should eliminate this city from consideration for the next meeting place.

It can hardly be expected the convention to go to any place that it is not asked. We believe some city on the great lakes would prove attractive and tend to a large attendance, and it must be remembered that as the delegates pay their own expenses, there must be some inducement in the way of social enjoyment and sight seeing to draw them to the spot.

Columbus, Detroit, Milwaukee, Buffalo, or even Duluth are all attractive in the summer time. Mr. Howard, by the unsalted seas, why not speak up. Surely this place is not too far out of the way for a goodly attendance, and personally, we would rather "beard the lions in their den" and go there than to Omaha or Atlanta. Then some scribe with the serpent's pen will have

a chance to take a fling at Duluth, humorous or otherwise, just as Colorado Springs has been the target recently for a lot of lampoon that has not been deserved.

By all means let the majority decide. That will be fair play. We might even put forward Seattle as a candidate, but for the fact that the great distance from the center of the deaf mute population would be a bar to a very successful convention.

A. W. W.
TACOMA.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hammond are going to spend a few days in Olympia, between Xmas and New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Eaton are going to move soon after the holidays to Eatonville, where Mr. Eaton has secured work with the McNeely Mill Co. They are planning to visit Mrs. Eaton's sister in Ellensburg and relatives and friends in Oregon during the holidays.

Otha Minnick stepped upon a nail at the Carstens plant a few days ago and was laid up for several days with a badly swollen foot, but is now back at work.

"Silent" Rowan is as ardent a devotee as ever of boxing. He is putting in his spare time now teaching the art to one of his hearing friends, and expects to have a class of several pupils before long.

Miss Demarais and Mrs. Seeley spent Sunday afternoon, November 27th, with Mr. and Mrs. Wade.

Mrs. Wade gave an enthusiastic report of the party held at the Wrights, in Seattle, on Thanksgiving eve.

When Mr. Rowan was taken sick he set a bad example for straightaway three of his deaf co-workers at the Carstens plant were laid up.

Two deaf boys here had a joy ride on the patrol-auto, one morning, oh, so early! The police made a raid on two saloons and took the "chairmen" to softer beds at the police station.

It is probable the Tahoma Literary Club will hold its next meeting, December 18th, in a room donated by the Christian Church on McKinley avenue, near South 44th. Should that place meet with disfavor the meeting will be held at Mrs. Seeleys. All deaf persons are welcome to attend. Whether members or not.

SPOKANE.

The Spokane Association meeting was held at Blair's Business College, but on account of the rain only a few attended the meeting. Dave Krause was in the chair. He announced that we will have a mock trial on the 17th of December. Mr. Axling gave the names of judges, jury, lawyer, etc. The mock trial will be called a case of forgery.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fulmer of Mead, Wash. Mother and child are doing well. Mrs. Fulmer

was nee Miss Flora Anderson and was a pupil of the Council Bluffs, Iowa, school. Congratulations to them.

P. L. Axling, while going to work at the Western Farmers' new headquarters, was overcome with gas. He lost his balance and fell down stairs, hurting himself so badly that he had to be carried out for fresh air, but as soon as he got his strength he was able to be at work again. Sorry for him, but we are glad he had no bones broken.

Miss Morris paid Mrs. John Toner a visit. She reported she was expecting her mother for a short visit, then will go on to Missouri to see her daughter, and may spend the winter there.

Miss Laura Meadows of Harrison, Idaho, writes that Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Taylor and their baby were visiting her home, on Thanksgiving Day. Mrs. Taylor was nee Miss Mamie Cavanaugh of Harrison, Idaho.

PORTLAND, OREGON.

An appetizing and abundant dinner was given Thanksgiving Day at the Steuben Hall, which about twenty-five deaf mutes enjoyed.

Celery. MENU. Pickles.
Stuffed Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.
Mashed Potatoes. Stewed Potatoes.
Squash. Cabbage Salad.
Mince Pie. Plum Pudding.
Cakes. Coffee.

Late in the afternoon several more came in. The time was spent in dancing and playing games.

Mrs. Jorg was the prize winner for the best tasting cake.

At 9:30 all separated for home, having enjoyed themselves splendidly.

It being Rev. DuBois' sixth year as pastor of the Church of the Strangers (United Presbyterian) the congregation gave him and Mrs. DuBois a surprise party on the 27th. Several deaf mutes were present. A handsome davenport was given to him by his friends and a linen table cloth and a dozen of napkins to Mrs. DuBois. Dainty refreshments were served. When Rev. DuBois first came here there were about 25 church members, and since then 100 have been added.

At the regular meeting of the P. D. M. Society Mr. Sherman gave a speech "On Time." A debate, Resolved, That Drinking Does More Harm Than War," was given by Messrs. Gromachy and Jorg on the affirmative side, and Messrs. Livingstone and Hastings on the negative side. The judges, Mrs. Reichle and Messrs. Sherman and Graham decided in favor of the negative side.

Mr. Josh gracefully recited "Drunkard's Doom," after which Mrs. Sherman acted as critic.

Frank Johnson is out of the hospital getting along nicely. He expects to go to his father's farm at McMinnville to rest till he is strong enough to go

back to work.

The latest addition to our circle is Mr. Matthers from Jacksonville, Ill. —Oregonian.

GOLDEN GATE GLEANINGS.

Miss Carrie Crawford has recently returned home from the southern trip, which was a great benefit to her. She enjoyed meeting her old schoolmates living in Los Angeles and Fresno.

The hearing members of the Christian Endeavor Society were entertained at a reception by their deaf brothers and sisters, one Friday evening, under the management of Walter Lester. Many outsiders were also invited. Dainty refreshments were served at the conclusion of the games and the party broke up at a late hour.

The following Sunday Mr. O'Donnell gave an impressive lecture before the C. E. Society members at the chapel of the school.

A football game was played on Thanksgiving Day between the Berkeley school boys and the church boys

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GIVE A REASON

If any one can give a good reason for Mr. Long's entering the fight against Mr. Hanson, we have yet to hear it—N. W. Silent Observer.

Here's a good enough reason! This is a free country. Every citizen in good standing is entitled to seek any office in the gift of the people. Mr. Long is a gentleman of such character and ability as to fit him for any office in the gift of this country.—Minnesota Companion.

When so distinguished a gentleman as ye Companion editor, Dr. Smith, condenses to notice us our chest heaves out in honest pride. However, with all respect to the Minnesota gentleman we must say that we think this time his sense of reasoning has gone off in the words and lost itself.

We have not questioned Mr. Long's right to run, nor his fitness for the position. The right to do a thing and good reason for doing it are often very different. Dr. Smith has a right to go out in the street and sit down in a mudhole, or he has the right to squat down behind a mule and tickle the beast's legs, when he comes to give a good reason for such action, however, its quite another matter.

Mr. Hanson had been for a year or more prominently mentioned as a candidate for the honor. We believe he had the hearty support of three-fourths or more of the leading and best posted deaf of the country. While any man had the right to butt in, it was not the part of wisdom to do so unless there was good reason therefor.

We have held that there was no good reason for another man to enter the field. The reason which was advanced by some of the minority we have shown did not exist, and further proof of its non-existence are being shown continuously.

We do not question Mr. Long's right to run, but we do think he made a mistake in allowing himself to be drawn in to the contest under the circumstances.

This, however, is now part history, and perhaps not worthy of further discussion.

Reports are reaching us that The OBSERVER is soon to erect another shaft in the graveyard of independent papers for the deaf.

How this story was started we do not know. I have no present intention of discontinuing THE OBSERVER. Should I at any time tire of it I should try to combine with some other deaf papers failing in that make good all unexpired subscriptions.

So send on your renewals and get your friends to subscribe and make THE OBSERVER better than ever.

L. O. CHRISTENSON,
Publisher.

GOING TO GET A NEW HAT.

For a paper for the deaf, we would recommend, 'The Observer' a weekly paper for \$1.00 a year, published by L. O. Christenson, 2 Kinneer Building, 1426 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, Washington.—Iowa Hawkeye.

When such distinguished men as The Hawkeye editors throw bouquets at us we feel as if we could afford a new hat.

STILL GROWING

The monthly meeting of the Puget Sound Association of the Deaf was held Sunday evening at the usual place.

J. C. Bertram and Miss Hilda Peterson were received into membership.

The committee appointed to look for a new hall reported that the best they could find was Friendship Hall in the Pioneer Building, corner First Avenue and James street. After some discussion it was decided to take this hall. Meetings hereafter will be held twice a month on Saturday evening, beginning at 7:30. The first will be held the second Saturday evening in January. With its large membership and semi-monthly meetings the association expects a lively winter.

Messrs. Meagher, Kobrstein and Wright were made a committee to prepare for the annual masquerade to be held Saturday evening, December 31. Place will be announced later.

Mr. Hanson gave a short talk on the condition of the Gallaudet monument at Hartford, Conn.

Mr. Christenson gave a prayer in the signs used in Dr. Gallaudet's time.

NOT WORTH ONE CENT

Evidently the editors of deaf periodicals do not care one cent where the next national convention is held, for as yet we have received no replies to our request published in last issue.

of North Berkeley, which turned out to be an exciting game and resulted in a victory for our boys by the score of six to nothing.

A few young ladies and gentlemen took an outing to Mt. Tamalpais on Thanksgiving Day, and, on the return home, were drenched in the rain.

Willie Stephens was a visitor at the school recently. His wife and child have been visiting with her mother in Oakland. He is the foreman of a printing office at his hometown.

Carrie Crawford was bereaved of one of her brothers by death last week. She has our sympathy in her hour of sorrow.

Miss Lenora Brimmer of Santa Cruz has been visiting with Miss Florence Alexander this month.

Newspaper notices announce the marriage of Benjamin Wood of Oxnard, Ventura County. His bride is presumably a hearing woman as her name is not familiar to us.

Mrs. J. W. Howson entertained at a party celebrating her husband's birthday, November 26. The guests of the evening were Walter Lester, Misses Leonora Brimmer and Florence Alexander. Mr. d'Estrella, Mrs. Leo Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tilley, Edward Broderick, Miss Irene Hare, Henry Franck, Miss Amy Broderick, Fred Taylor, Mrs. Mollie Brownrigg, Miss Annie Lindstrom, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tilley departed for the East on December 8, to visit with Mrs. Tilley's relatives. Mr. Tilley is to return a month hence while Mrs. Tilley will remain until May.

L. C. Williams is just convalescing after a rather severe case of sickness. He is contemplating a trip into the mountains to recuperate.

Sickness has caused Joseph Beck to leave his place with the P. and B. Paint Co., the work being too trying on his health. He is now working in Piedmont.

Harold Bradley, his wife and baby spent several weeks in Berkeley visiting relatives. Mrs. Bradley was Miss Crane, the deaf daughter of the Chicago millionaire. Mr. Bradley, who is a hearing man, is an instructor in the University of Wisconsin and is a son of Prof. C. B. Bradley of the University of Wisconsin and is a son of Professor C. B. Bradley of the University of California. Mrs. Bradley, who was educated under private tutors, can neither sign nor use the manual alphabet, and is quite expert as a lip-reader. She, however, admits that the strain on her eyes is considerable and at times very trying. Her husband, relying upon advice given to him by Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, is much opposed to his wife's learning signs or the manual alphabet. Mrs. Bradley is very unassuming and the deaf everywhere will no doubt be sorry to hear of her predicament.

LOCAL ITEMS

Several letters relating to next convention city are crowded out of this issue

Mrs. David Turrill, after a brief illness, is again out looking as bright as a June bride.

Miss Hilda Peterson was a recent guest for several days of Miss Laura Sampson at her suburban home.

Alfred Stendahl was in town last week. He is cooking for a crew on a tug boat and is fat and hearty as a salt-water salmon.

Lloyd T. Rhiley is still working in Tacoma but comes over to Seattle every Saturday night to spend Sunday with his better half.

Do you want an evening's enjoyment? The masquerade in Seattle December 31st will furnish it. If you don't believe it, come and see.

Cyrus West, brother of Jesse West, has been down from Alaska on business. He reports Jesse at Dawson. Cyrus returns north in the spring.

J. C. Bertram, with his usual happy smile, was in town Sunday attending a meeting of the Engravers' Union. He staid over to meet his deaf friends at the Puget Sound Association and put his name on the list. Mrs. Bertram expects to come over soon and be one of us also.

Miss Myrtle Hammond was the guest of Miss Sampson over Sunday. She says her parents will be here before Christmas then she will be a permanent resident here. She attended the association meeting Sunday evening and is ready to become a member as soon as she takes up her residence in Seattle.

SWANGREN AS PUBLISHER

The Enumclaw Herald, printed at Enumclaw, Wash., now has the name of Ernest Swangren at the mast head as publisher. He gets up a creditable paper. We wish the young man success. He was in Seattle to spend Thanksgiving.

THE MASQUERADE

Remember the annual masquerade in Seattle December 31st. The deaf for hundreds of miles around know that this is always a big success and thoroughly good time enjoyed. Be one of the fortunate ones who will be there.

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As previously mentioned the members of the Puget Sound Association of the Deaf met Thanksgiving evening at the home of their president, A. W. Wright. A social time was enjoyed and refreshments passed.

Mr. Wright has been for two years president of the society, and has presided with fairness and wisdom. His home has frequently been thrown open and all the members invited in for an evening, both he and Mrs. Wright labored for the pleasure and betterment of the deaf.

The members thought at high time some show of appreciation of the work of Mr. and Mrs. Wright was made. Accordingly a goodly sum was quietly raised and a handsome set of fire-place tools with holder were purchased. At an appropriate time Olof Hanson made a few remarks and handed over the present. Mr. and Mrs. Wright were completely surprised, but A. W. with his usually readiness soon found his wits and made a feeling reply.

Mr. Wright is so pleased with the present that he has had his picture taken seated before the open fire with his new acquisition in plain sight.

A PLEASANT EVENING

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. McConnell of Bremerton were in town last Saturday evening and Sunday. Saturday evening a number of their friends called on them for a social time. Choice refreshments were passed and cards were indulged in.

POCKETS PICKED

August Koberstein, while going home on a crowded car the other night, had the misfortune to have his pocket picked. He lost a purse containing \$32 and an Alaska ring valued at \$35.

Peace officers have been notified but as yet nothing has been heard of the missing property. Mr. Koberstein is a hard workingman and one that keenly feels such a loss.

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COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA

The November meeting of the Midwest Branch of the Gallaudet Alumni Association was held at the Iowa school on the evening of the twenty-fifth, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barrest being the host and hostess.

A delightful combination of features both literary and farcical kept the members in such a state of exhilaration that it grew late on them before they knew it.

No. One was introduced by President Rothert as the "Objective Library"—something so new in the way of literary contests that it baffled the most bookish among the guests, furnishing them somewhat the same strenuous exertion as that provided a green class in Geometry under Professor Draper.

Out of a picture of a man with a wistful look we were supposed to make the title; "The Man without a Country."

The popular novel, Ivanhoe, was signified by a good little boy in possession of the latter "O". About the sweetest thing in the display, from a girlish, sentimental point of view was a monster SWEET PEA, out of which peeped a delectable knight in armor. This, of course, easily meant to those who were "on"—"when Knighthood was in Flower." "Lamb's Tales" were easy reading to all who did not scrutinize their texture too closely. To those who did, the tails were mistaken for the "pig tails" worn long ago worn cork-screw fashion by "grandmother's little dear." Perhaps the most ingenious fixture on exhibition was a timepiece, the hands of which pointed to the hour of twelve. Beside this was a needle, thread and thimble; also a pair of worn-out gloves. The intricate meaning of this was hard to elucidate unless one happened to think of "Never Too Late to Mend". A few of the guests attempted to "get wise" by gazing at titles on the walls of books that surrounded the "Objective Library". Those who got an inspiration, and consequently a prize, in this contest were: Miss Mandie Roath and E. H. Rothert.

In No. Two, the guesser descended, as one of them put it, "from the Sublime to the ludicrous." This was a "SHOW OFF" contest, the objects used being shoes with a history—one from each alumnus and a few from their friends, the whole show unnumbering 24. Supt. Stewart, of the Nebraska school, was unable to attend, but was amply represented by his SHOE. Some of the participants, who thought they were "on" as to the object of the SHOW handed in shoes that would have taken first prize in a beauty contest of foot-gear, but the President decreed against them, by announcing that the winners should be those who took the measure of the man from his shoe; in other words, the guesser who got the largest number of answers to the query: "Who's Shoe?" Mrs. W. H. Rothert,

by dint of her expert knowledge of the vanity of human nature, and of the fits and misfits in their foot wear, made out 17 from the batch. Harry Long also "went some" guessing, in true Sherlock Holmes fashion, 13 out of the IMPOSSIBLE 24.

It was reported that one of the Nebraska members, in anticipation of something handsome in the first-prize line, spent the greater part of an afternoon scraping the mud off the best shoe in his possession, after which several coats of polish were added and the defects thereof deftly covered by a Monster ROW of Buff and Blue.

But, alas for the uncertainty of the elements in the Missouri valley! Just as he was about to cross the border into Iowa, he "got in" deep and before he could extricate himself, the sole of his shoe, and upheld several pounds of tenacious Nebraska Mud! Knowing that it would take weeks for the stuff to wear off, to say nothing of trying to get it off by the ordinary means, the participant very wisely decided to put it in the show, anyhow, honestly owning up that it was his "best shoe", although he very well knew that in this condition it could not attract the admiration that was its due.

The refreshments that followed the amusements of the evening consisting of salmon salad and nut sandwiches with coffee, were eaten with the honest relish that marks a college crowd full of the right spirit, and, like the rest of the affair, left a good taste in the mouth. MAC.

VOTING BY MAIL

The following written by Mr. Hanson appeared recently in Seattle's leading daily and if such general interest that we reprint it:

To the Editor: Your editorial in this morning's paper suggesting voting by mail as a means to bring out the stay-at-home voter interested me greatly. I question, however, whether making voting easier will bring about the desired result. It is not merely the trouble of going to the polls that keeps people from voting. It is the trouble to inform themselves on the various questions to be voted on, and consequently the feeling that they are not well enough posted to vote that induces many to stay away and leave the voting to others, who may or may not be better informed.

The full vote will never be brought out until voting is looked upon as a duty to be performed, rather than as a right to be exercised or not as one feels inclined. Some look on it in the former light, but too many in the latter.

Some have proposed that those who fail to vote should be disfranchised. That is too drastic. But if we agree that voting is a duty, it would certainly be proper to impose a penalty on those who fail to perform their duty.

How would it do to impose a nominal fine of one dollar on every qualified voter who fails to vote without a good excuse? If a person was too busy or too indifferent to go to the polls, a dollar would be a small amount to pay to escape from doing his duty. Certain officers should be authorized to collect the fines and decide whether an excuse offered was sufficient. After election notify the delinquent voter by mail to call and explain or pay his fine. If he fails to respond, make it two dollars and send a collector after him. If necessary to resort to court proceedings, add the costs. This plan would finance itself, instead of adding to the burden of those who conscientiously perform their duty.

If persons entitled to vote fail to register without good cause, they should be disfranchised for a proportionate time. If they do not care to take the trouble to vote they should not have the right to vote.

Voting is not merely a right; it is a duty. OLOF HANSON.

PUGET SOUND ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

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Gallaudet Monument

President Hanson has handed us the following for publication:

My Dear Mr. Hanson: With reference to the Gallaudet monument that stands in front of the American School for the Deaf at Hartford, and about which you recently asked for further informations, I beg to say that I was in Hartford last week, and in examining the monument, I found it to be in such a dangerous condition, that, in my opinion, it evidently requires immediate attention. The granite base appears to be just as good as when new, but the whole marble resting on that base is in a very bad shape. In fact, I would not be surprised, if it should fall down at any time like a rotten tree.

In view of the fact that it was through the supreme and self-supporting efforts of Dr. Gallaudet that the deaf have been enabled to enjoy every benefit that comes from education, it would be just sad to think how ungrateful we would be if we don't show, in any way, our sincere appreciation of his noble and useful work done, in the way of establishing the first school for the deaf in this country of ours.

Let me take the liberty of suggesting that you, president of the N. A. D., appoint a committee with as little delay as possible, to see what can be done about the monument.

From experiences, I would say that the MARBLE will never last any length of time and the bronze will prove to be the best in the end.

The American Deaf, I am fully convinced, will most cheerfully respond to your request for donations to the matter of having a new bronze statue, which, in my opinion, will not cost more than a few thousands of dollars. In that case, you may count upon me as one of those who will gladly donate something. Yours truly,

ANTON SCHROEDER.

N. A. D. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

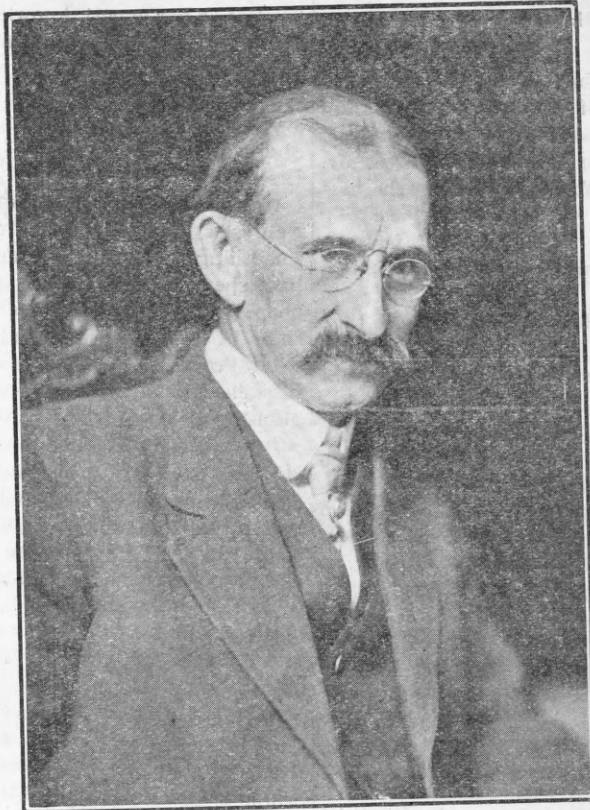
Harley D. Drake, of Piqua, Ohio, has been appointed on the Executive Committee in place of Mr. Schroeder, who resigned. Mr. Drake has accepted the appointment.

The Executive Committee now consisted of Olof Hanson, ex-Officio, Chairman, Harley D. Drake, Ohio, S. M. Freeman, Georgia, O. H. Regensburg, California, T. F. Fox, New York, Waldo H. Rothert, Nebraska, B. R. Allabough, Pennsylvania, F. P. Gibson, Illinois, A. L. Roberts, Kansas.

NOT ENOUGH FOR ALL.

Tommy—Pop, does the earth go round?

Tommy's Pop—Yes, my son, but it wouldn't if it was divided among all the people who want it.—Philadelphia Record.



THOMAS P. CLARK

Superintendent of Washington State school for the Deaf located at Vancouver

We have not a biographical sketch of Prof. Clark at hand, but the following which we clip from a daily paper shows to some extent the success he is attaining in the management of our State school:

OLYMPIA, Thursday, Dec. 1.—T. P. Clark, superintendent of the school for the deaf at Vancouver, Wash., who was in Olympia to-day to confer with the State Board of Control, announces that the Washington school has been placed upon the accredited list of the Gallaudet National College for the Deaf at Washington, D. C. The latter school is one

established by Congress, and the placing of the Washington school upon the accredited list shows, says Mr. Clark, the high standard that has been attained in Washington.

Mr. Gallaudet originated and put upon a practical basis the system of talking with hands, or the sign language. This college examines schools for the deaf all over the country, the same as the big universities examine the minor colleges, and the superintendent of the Vancouver school is highly elated over the success of his school in this direction.

THANKSGIVING BRIDE

Married at New Holstein, Wis., on November 22, 1910, Miss Bertha Theissen, formerly of Seattle, and Morton Howard Henry of Chicago. They will be at home in the latter city after December 14th.

The bride, and we believe, also the groom graduated from Gallaudet College last June.

A DEAF ORCHARDIST

Conrad Harding has ten acres in apple orchard near Leavenworth, Wash. He is deaf and was educated in Germany. His wife can hear, and they have a winsome daughter and two stalwart sons who are studying the orchard business intelligently. His orchard is one of the best cared for in that section, the trees are beginning to bear, and in a few years he will be well off.



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